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General Comment

While I do not think anyone would disagree with improving the quality of the bay I do feel that the EPA is going overboard for the following reasons.

1. We are in the worse economic shape this country has faced since the great depression and yet the EPA is going to introduce an unprecedented and unfunded federal mandate. This will not help the effected states recover economically.
2. Surely the EPA can slow down and find a balance between the economic impact of the TMDL and the immediate clean up needs of the bay.
3. Virginia has already spent a enormous amount of money and has made tremendous progress in reducing nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment since its 1985 levels.
4. I believe there are proven deficiencies in the Bay Model that will change the pollutant loadings for the better.
5. I do not believe that the EPA is allowing enough time for comment on this very complicated process. 45 days is unreasonable.
6. The backstop provisions I think are unlawful. How does the EPA think they have the authority to mandate to a private property owner that he/she retro thier property to meet new standards.